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SUBJECT: ELIMA ACCUSES SOVIET UNION OF RISKING WAR TO
RECOUNG LOST PRESTIGE IN MIDEAST

1. GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED DAILY ELIMA NOV . 15 CARRIES
ARTICLE ENTITLED "A QUESTION OF PRESTIGE IN THE MIDEAST"
WHICH EMPHASIZES SOVIET ATTEMPTS, THROUGH CURRENT CON-
FLICT, TO REGAIN LOST PRESTIGE IN MIDEAST, "EVEN AT THE RISK
OF A CLASH WITH THE AMERICANS."
2. ARTICLE MENTIONS THAT AT STAKE "IS NOT ONLY PRESTIGE OF
ARABS, BUT ALSO THAT OF THE SUPERPOWERS."
3. THE SOVIET UNION, SAYS THE ARTICLE, "NEEDED A SERIES OF
DRAMATIC EVENTS IN THE MIDEAST" AND "IT APPEARS THAT WITHOUT
A DOUBT THEY WILL COME OUT OF THIS CONFLICT WITH ANOTHER
CHANCE TO REGAIN WHAT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY LOST."
4. "THE PRICE FOR SOVIET PRESTIGE IS HIGH." THEY
"THREATENED THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL, A THREAT WHICH THE
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US RESPONDED TO BY PLACING ITS ARMED FORCES ON ALERT."

5. "IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, HARD TO BELIEVE, " THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, " THAT SUCH A THREAT WOULD BE BRANDISHED TO ACHIEVE SUCH A SMALL RESULT."

6. ARTICLE CONTENDS, HOWEVER, THAT THEIR ACTIONS ARE "COMPREHENSIBLE WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THAT THIS MAY BE THE SOVIET UNION'S LAST CHANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH IN EGYPT ALL ITS PAST GLORIES."

7. HEAVY POST PLACEMENT IN SAME EDITION INCLUDES THREE RECENT WIRELESS FILE ITMES: "THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION OF THE US," THE US EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA," (SCHAUFLE ADDRESS) AND THE TEXT OF THE MIDEAST ACCORD (KISSINGER LETTER TO WALDHEIM).
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